Electrification of villages

*187. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir which have been electrified so far and the number of villages which have not been electrified so far In those States;

(b) what is the total amount spent so far on electrifying those villages; and

(c) the total amount likely to be spent in electrifying the other villages and by when those are likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The number of villages electrified and remaining to be electrified in the referred States as on 30.9.1985 are as under:—

State	No. of villages electrified	Villages remaining to be electrified
Uttar Pradesh	63,736	48,825
Bihar	33,899	33,667
Haryana	6,731	Nil
Punjab	12,126	Nil
Jammu & Kashmir	5,719	784

(b) An amount of approximately Rs. 1200 crores has been spent on RE works in these States including electrification of villages.

(c) On the basis of present day costs an amount of approximately Rs. 1000 crores would be needed to electrify the remaining villages in these States. Subject to availability of funds, the remaining villages are proposed to be electrified in the Seventh and Eighth Plans.

Preference to products) of public sector 'drug units

•189. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will Ibe Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had asked the Chief Ministers of States to give preference to the products of the public-sector drug manufacturing units because of their high quality and heavy investments of the Union Government in these units;

fb) if so, whether Government have received any report in this regard from the State of Karnataka and other state Governments so far during 1985; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State Governments of Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan. Jammu and Kashmir. Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra have assured that to the extent possible, purchase preference will be given to Public Sector Drug manufacturing companies in the matter of Purchase of their requirements of drugs and pharmaceuticals.